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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 505

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 20-8.1-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW CHAPTER** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]:

Chapter 14. Parental Participation in a Student's Education

Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to a nonpublic school.

Sec. 2. (a) Each school in a school corporation may develop a written compact that contains the expectations for the school, the student, the student's teachers, and the student's parents.

(b) A school that develops a compact under this section must seek the participation of parents and students in developing the compact.

(c) Each educator at the school shall affirm and sign the compact, and each student and the student's parents shall sign and affirm the compact.

Sec. 3. A parent, a student, an educator, and a school shall make a reasonable effort to comply with the terms of the compact.

SECTION 2. IC 20-10.2-3-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.221-1999, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 5. (a) A plan must contain the following components for the school:

- (1) A list of the statutes and rules that the school wishes to have suspended from operation for the school.



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(2) A description of the curriculum and information concerning the location of a copy of the curriculum that is available for inspection by members of the public.

(3) A description and name of the assessments that will be used in the school in addition to ISTEP assessments.

(4) A plan to be submitted to the governing body and made available to all interested members of the public in an easily understood format.

(5) A provision to maximize parental participation in the school, **which may include access to learning aids to assist students with school work at home, information on home study techniques, or access to school resources.**

(6) For a secondary school, a provision to do the following:

(A) Offer courses that allow all students to become eligible to receive an academic honors diploma.

(B) Encourage all students to earn an academic honors diploma or complete the Core 40 curriculum.

(7) A provision to maintain a safe and disciplined learning environment for students and teachers.

(8) A provision for the coordination of technology initiatives and ongoing professional development activities.

(b) If, for a purpose other than a plan under this chapter, a school has developed materials that are substantially similar to a component listed in subsection (a), the school may substitute those materials for the component listed in subsection (a).

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Not later than September 1, 2001, the department of education shall develop and make available to school building committees developing strategic and continuous school improvement and achievement plans under IC 20-10.2-3 models of parental involvement plans that include student achievement as the primary focus of the plans for use by the school building committees in developing the parental participation component of the strategic and continuous school improvement and achievement plan required under IC 20-10.2-3-5, as amended by this act.

(b) This SECTION expires September 2, 2001.

SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.



President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved: _____

Governor of the State of Indiana

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